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### Nonprofit School Food Service Account

School food authorities shall maintain a nonprofit school food service account. Revenues received by the nonprofit school food service are to be used only for the operation or improvement of such food service. Expenditures of nonprofit school food service revenues shall be in accordance with the financial management system established by the State Agency. Schools participating in the National School Lunch Programs are required to submit forms and reports to demonstrate compliance with Program requirements. When all SNP financial reports from each LEA have been submitted, reviewed and approved, the data is used to analyze Statewide participation and cost.

- The School Nutrition Program Financial Report assists in the monitoring of the Local Education Agency's (LEA) compliance with the financial management requirements as set by Federal regulation (7 CFR 210.14) for the school meals programs.
  - The SNP financial report is due in the DESE Web Applications system no later than **November 1**
  - Finance Reporting and additional resources for Food and Nutrition Services can be found on our **Guidance & Resources** page
    - **Financial Report Definitions**
    - **ASBR Mapping Resources**
    - **Financial Report Instructions**
- **Schools that contract with a Food Service Management Company (FSMC)**- *must* breakout the expenses in Part 1 number 3 *Expenditure for Reporting Period*. The expenditures include food, salaries, employee benefits, purchased services, equipment purchases and supplies. The LEA must request expenditure details from the FSMC to complete the financial report.
- **Adjustment to balance**- Adjustment to Balance is used if necessary to amend the closing balance. This can be done per an audit, to report funds moved from a general (non-federal) source into the nonprofit food service fund (+), to report repayment of a loan, or to recover indirect cost (-) from the account.
- **Indirect Cost Rate**- the allowable percentage of Indirect Cost that can be recovered from the nonprofit food service fund is found on number 10 of the financial report. You can review the **Indirect Cost memo** posted here along with the **Indirect Cost Guidance**.

### Food and Nutrition Services Staff Updated Contact Information

We have recently updated documents which include DESE, Food and Nutrition Services Staff contact information. Please save these and update your records so that you will be able to reach us by phone or email.

- **Food and Nutrition Services Contact Information**
- **Food and Nutrition Services Region Map**

**The DESE Food and Nutrition Services main contact number has temporarily been changed to a new number for LEAs calling the main line. Effective immediately when contacting the FNS main office, dial 573-751-8673.**

The old, 573-751-3526 line is still active, but has recently been experiencing a high volume of calls from families concerning the Pandemic Eligibility Benefits Program (P-EBT). The best mechanism for our office to continue to address P-EBT calls was to create a phone line specific for these callers.

## Let's Talk Tuesday: Verification Process

Please join us for another Let's Talk Tuesday webinar!

**November 7th**  
**2:00-3:00 pm**

An email will be sent out the morning prior to each LEAs Authorized Representative on file. The email will include the Zoom Link required to access the webinar.

As always, the webinar will be recorded and posted at a later date for those that are not able to attend the live release. We look forward to hosting this training for all of you.



## FY 2023 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Information

### AVAILABLE NOW!

#### 2023 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Information

- Equipment Grant Ineligible List
- Equipment Grant Letter
- Equipment Grant Application

**REMINDER: Application deadline is October 27, 2023 - 4:30 PM.**

Missouri's FY23 State Funding Allocation is for \$507,821. The Equipment Assistance Grants will be especially effective in supporting School Food Authorities (SFAs) by enabling them to meet equipment needs, which have continued to experience supply chain disruptions in operating school food service.

DESE, FNS will use the Competitive Application Process this year once all eligible applications have been received. (Applications will NOT be awarded based off of Free and Reduced Percentages.) Please contact our office at 573-751-7564 if you have questions.



Unpaid meal debt is one of the most common problems within school nutrition and it's one that can often times be difficult to deal with. It is important to have strategies in place.

**Managing the Problem of Meal Debt** takes a dive into several methods of tackling the meal debt challenge in the way that makes the most sense for your district, including reviewing your meal charge policy (or enacting one), encouraging eligible families to submit meal benefit applications and more.

## Farm to School News

- The 2024 Patrick Leahy **Farm to School Grant Program is now open**. It is designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools and help connect students to their food sources through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals. Grants can launch new farm to school or Early Care and Education programs or expand existing efforts. [Learn more and apply](#)
- Join us for the **5th Annual Farm Bus Tour in Sikeston, MO on November 3rd**. See the below invitation for more details. Click here to [register](#) or this information can also be found on the [DESE, Farm to School Webpage](#).
- **Build Farm to School with new Missouri funding**



## 5TH ANNUAL MISSOURI LOCAL FOOD BUS TOUR

Experience the journey from farm to table! Family farms in Missouri grow some of the sweetest fruits and most delicious, fresh vegetables.

The Show-Me State is also home to some of the nation's best beef, pork and whole grain products.

We invite child nutrition program operators, sponsors, and stakeholders to gain first-hand knowledge of Missouri products as we tour farms. There will be plenty of time to network with peers and connect with growers. By the end of the day, you will have resources and relationships to grow your farm to school or farm to early care and education (ECE) program.

Did we mention there will be prizes and a delicious lunch?

### SIKESTON AREA FARM TOUR

Nov. 3, 2023  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Reserve your spot by Oct. 27.**  
Register here: [bit.ly/BusTourRegistration](https://bit.ly/BusTourRegistration)

**Showcasing beef, popcorn, rice, berries and more!**

*Funded by USDA Farm to School Grant*



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**Local Food Cooperative (LFS) Grant** - Would your school like to receive funds to help purchase local food? The **Local Food for Schools** (LFS) Grant is open now, watch the [training video](#) and [click here to apply](#). LEAs must complete the application and email the written plan to [Barbara.Shaw@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Barbara.Shaw@dese.mo.gov) .

### Congratulations LFS Grantees

#### **Jackson R2 - Award \$17,000**

Plans to purchase local fruits, vegetables and meat using an LFS funds. The LEA currently purchases apples and pears from Knowlan Family Farms, a local orchard near the school, as part of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Jackson R2 plans to increase local foods on the school meals tray. "We love being able to show students where their food comes from, how the growth process works, and the benefits of shopping local", stated Miranda Wehmeyer, District Dietitian.

#### **Lee's Summit R7 - Award \$17,000**

Continues to work towards their Farm to School goal of expanding the amount of local fruits, vegetables, and now local beef patties on their school meals trays. Students consume a locally grown, grass fed and antibiotic free, 2 oz beef patty on the menu each month. The beef is raised and processed by Herzog Meat Company and distributed direct

to the district from Springfield Grocer. Lori Danella, Food Service Director, stated, "This program encourages students to think about their eating habits as they exercise autonomy over their meal choices", "Everything we do, we do for our student's benefit, the nice thing is we aren't just benefiting our students, we are strengthening our local economy by supporting our farmers".

#### **Belton School District #124 - Award \$6,000**

Currently purchases local produce from the Kansas City Food Hub to add a variety to the daily fresh fruit and salad bars in all 9 school cafeterias. Belton currently maintains a school garden at Wilckens STEAM Academy, a K-6 building, where farmers are invited to come talk to students about the best planting practices for a harvest that compliments the school lunch menu. Thank you, Tracy Goodall and your team for all the work you do!

#### **Blue Springs R-IV - Award \$25,000**

The past couple of years the district has partnered with Colonial Gardens and the KC Food Hub to provide not only fresh produce but farm to school education. Brian Harris, Food Service Director, provides that these partnerships have been on a limited scale, mainly due to the cost of produce and distribution challenges. Working with both organizations has opened our eyes to the vast potential that could come from partnerships like these. "This grant would allow us to expand our purchasing with both organizations and provide more fresh options to our students". Brian hopes to increase the awareness about health and nutrition by educating students on where their food comes from.

#### **Raymore Peculiar - Award \$17,000**

Ray-Pec Child Nutrition Program has established a partnership with Herzog meat Co. to purchase minimally processed, fresh, local beef patties for school meals. The patties will be featured on the menu each month to expose students to local meats throughout the school year. Follow the Ray-Pec Child Nutrition social media posts to make your mouth water over the school meals they serve! "We anticipate the addition of local beef patties, to also help boost participation, so that more students are eating a healthy meal" states Katlyn Lanoue, District Food Service Director. She also plans to utilize the Local Wellness Policy to integrate local seasonal foods and create community partnerships that facilitate student understanding of the impact purchasing fresh, locally grown food and its relationship to wellness. The district is also expanding a partnership with Boys Grow and the Success Academy to provide curriculum around social, mental, and emotional growth using farm basics.

#### **Ballard R-II - Award \$675.00**

At the Ballard R-II School District, they are rooted in the rural community where they are surrounded by multiple family farms that produce fruits, vegetables, and meats at the local level. Established purchasing from local produce and Bergschneider family cattle farms currently source local foods for school meals. With this grant they plan to expand their local beef purchases. "We are working to acquire a grant to develop an orchard here on the property and enable us to grow our own produce each session and educate the students". "Regardless of this grant, we continue to be committed to using local farmers to source what products we can in our school meals." provided Derrick Hartley and Lori Wainscott.

#### **Past Newsletters**

Missed a past newsletter or need to access them again? You can find them all on our Food and Nutrition



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